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For this section—Fair and slight-
ly cloudy; tomorrow cloudy,
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SEEK \$250,000 FOR NEW POST OFFICE HERE

Bill Introduced By Repre-
sentative R. Walton
Moore Today

GOES TO COMMITTEE

Provides For Purchase of Site and
Erection of Building—Present Of-
fice is Inadequate For Large Vol-
ume of Business.

A bill carrying with it an approp-
riation of \$250,000 for the purpose
of acquiring a site and the erection
of a new postoffice for this city was
introduced by Representative R. Wal-
ton Moore in the House of Repre-
sentatives today and referred to the
committee on public buildings and
grounds.

This action was taken by Repre-
sentative Moore immediately follow-
ing the recommendation of the Sec-
retary of the Treasury that such an
appropriation be made. Mr. Moore
stated today that he feels confident
that the bill will be adopted, and if
not by this Congress it will be by
the next one.

WOMAN IS HELD AS JEWEL THIEF

New York, Jan. 4.—A pretty and
handsomely groomed young woman, at
least "master mind" of full dress
handbags, was sought today by police
investigating the mysterious theft of
\$500,000 in jewels from Mrs. Irene
Schoellkopf, wife of a Buffalo multi-
millionaire.

Police and scores of private detec-
tives were conducting their search on
the theory that the West Fifty-Second
street party following which Mrs.
Schoellkopf said the gems were
stripped from her person, was used
by the thieves as a strategic
meeting place where the accomplished
"Raffles Queen" picked the victim
of the ruse.

Some police detectives and oper-
atives of the Pinkerton and Burns ag-
encies threw additional mystery into
the case by admitting belief that the
robbers may have been a group of in-
ternational crooks trailing part of
the splendid crown jewels of the
Romanoffs.

M'KIN LEAVES FOR MER ROUGE

Baltimore, Jan. 4.—Dr. R. H. Mc-
Koin, former mayor of Mer Rouge,
La., accused of being an accomplice
in the Morehouse Parish hooded ter-
rorism, last night voluntarily left
Baltimore for his home to fight the
accusation.

Postpone Action Against Daugherty

Washington, Jan. 4.—Disposition
of the impeachment proceedings of
Attorney General Daugherty was
postponed today by the House Judi-
ciary Committee, pending action by
the subcommittee appointed to report
on what action should be taken
against Representative Kellogg au-
thor of the charges, following his
withdrawal from the hearing.

Bible Thought for Today

Keep me as the apple of
the eye; hide me under the
shadow of thy wings.—
Psalm 17:8.

Eighty May Be Dead In Big Bridge Collapse; Rescue Work Starts

BURSUM BONUS BILL BURIED

President Vetoes Veterans' Bill to
Prevent Too Severe An Inroad
On Nation's Finances

(By Isaac Gregg)
Washington, Jan. 4.—President
Harding vetoed another attempted
bonus raid on the Treasury of the
United States yesterday when he re-
fused to allow the measure, known
as the Bursum bill increasing the pen-
sions of civil war veterans and their
widows, into effect.

The President's veto was based on
the provisions of the bill which in-
creases the pensions of widows of
civil war veterans from \$30 a month
to \$50 a month regardless of age.
This would have cost the govern-
ment approximately \$65,000,000 a
year in excess of what the adminis-
tration has already approved in the
way of increased benefits for the
veterans and their widows.

Incidentally the President strongly
disapproved by inference of the prac-
tice of young women marrying war
veterans for the sake of obtaining
pensions, a practice which the Com-
missioner of Pensions has declared
is the most pernicious in the whole
pension system.

As the Bursum bill originally stood
it provided for an increase in the
pensions of all Civil War veterans
from \$50 a month to \$72 a month and
increased the pensions of widows of
veterans from \$50 a month to \$80 a
month provided that only widows
more than 62 years old could obtain
the increase, younger widows being
compelled to accept the present pen-
sion of \$30 a month.

These provisions were acceptable to the adminis-
tration and the President would have
signed the bill even though it in-
creased the cost of Civil War pen-
sions \$50,000,000 a year.

Boston Mayor Requests Return of Bunker Hill Gun

Quebec, Jan. 4.—A request of May-
or Curley, of Boston, for the return
of the small gun, said to have been
captured by the British at the battle
of Bunker Hill, and which now stands
on the square at the Quebec citadel,
was referred to day to the Minister
of Militia at Ottawa.

CREDIT MITCHELL

Paris, January 4.—The interna-
tional aeronautic federation has accepted
the flight of General Mitchell, U. S.
A., at Mount Clemens as a world's
record. General Mitchell is credited
with having flown 361 kilometers,
280 meters in one hour.

Prosecutor In Mer Rouge Case Resigns Post On Eve of Trial

(By United Press)

Mer Rouge, La., Jan. 4.—St. Clair
Adams, special prosecutor in the case
against masked terrorists who slew
Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards,
resigned today on the eve of the
trial.

Impossible to Determine Number Dead in Kelso Catastrophe

FORTY ARE RESCUED

River is Dragged in Effort
to Recover Bodies of
Victims

(By United Press.)

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 4.—Eighty lives
may have been lost when the Kelso
bridge collapsed late yesterday, au-
thorities estimated today.

It will be impossible to determine
the exact casualties as there is no
way of telling how many persons were
on the bridge when the cables snap-
ped and the great structure with its
human freight lurched into the tur-
bulent waters of the Cowlitz river.

Witnesses agreed that the number
on the bridge was approximately 150,
although some thought higher.

Forty are known to have been res-
cued.

An additional number rushed to
safety from the bridge approaches
when the first warning came that the
bridge was tottering.

Eleven names are listed as "known
to be missing."

One man died in a hospital today.

On a basis of 150 persons having
been on the bridge, authorities be-
lieved that these figures accounted for
all but approximately eighty.

Eye witnesses and those who saved
themselves from the water or who
fled back to the banks at the first
ominous cracking of the splintering
timbers, saw several men, women and
children clutching at floating debris
in vain efforts to save themselves as
the rushing yellow flood carried them
down stream.

Unintelligible screams for help
reached the horror-stricken witnesses
on the river banks, who, powerless
to aid, shouted directions to the
crew of the steamers Pomona and
Cowlitz, which were ploughing against
the current to reach the struggling
scores. They saved many persons.

For two weeks the bridge has been
subjected to the pressure of a jam
of logs which had broken loose and
piled up against the piers. Officers
had been stationed at the approaches
to regulate traffic Wednesday evening
when the bridge was crowded to
capacity by men returning from work.

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 4.—Divers work-
ing in the rushing waters of the Cowlitz
River today to recover the bodies of
thirty or more persons believed
killed when the Kelso bridge collapsed.

Eleven are known to be missing.
Eye witnesses declared at least a
score more were either drowned or
killed when the bridge buckled. No
bodies had been recovered at an early
hour today.

Eight men were rescued and rushed
to hospitals where they were reported
in a serious condition.

Rescue work proceeded throughout
the night. Great fires burned on the
banks and threw a weird light over
the flood swollen waters and the tan-
gled timbers of the crumpled bridge.

Groups of men and women, carrying
lanterns—ceaselessly patrolled the
banks of the Cowlitz for bodies.

Launchees and river steamers work-
ing with grappling hooks and drag
lines.

More than 150 people were on the
bridge when it collapsed. Ten or
more automobiles went down with the
structure.

TURKEY CALLS ABLE-BODIED TO STANDARD

War-Like Move After Wait- ing For Word From Lausanne

GERMANY IS MAD

British, Greek and Turkish Armies
Seem Ready—Premier Conference
on Verge of Collapse—U. S. May
Save Day by Intervention.

(By United Press.)

Constantinople, January 4.—
Turkey today called to the colors
all able bodied men in the so-
called liberated territories of the
Near East.

The Ankara government issued
the mobilization decree. After
waiting two days for word from
Lausanne as to the allied inten-
tions, the Kemalists answered
Greek mobilization and British
Fleet movements with a war-
like gesture of their own.

With everything dependent
upon Lausanne the conference
there remained inactive, await-
ing outcome of the Paris Pre-
miers parley on reparations.

Washington, Jan. 4.—With the
Paris conference of Premiers on the
verge of failure, Germany today took
the attitude that she would never
submit to the French programme to
collect reparations.

Information received here from un-
questionable sources states that the
Berlin government has decided to let
a final crash in Europe come before
submitting to the plan of Premier
Poincare for the so-called productive
guarantees of the Rhineland and the
Ruhr, with military action threatened
to carry the French programme into
effect.

The significance of this attitude of
Germany is that if the French pro-
ceed to take independent action
against Germany when the Paris con-
ference collapses, a crisis of the first
order will be created, threatening
the peace of all Europe.

Only prompt intervention by the
United States may save the situa-
tion, it appeared here today.

Dismiss Page Murder Charge

Ruffin Lambert is Being Held on
Charge of Killing Williams—
Seek Others

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—Ruffin Lam-
bert is arrested on a charge of man-
slaughter in connection with the
death of Harry Gale Williams. Lam-
bert was the taxi driver who refused
to take the drunken party on a drive.
He admitted that he pushed Williams
from the running board of his ma-
chine.

Percy A. Page, it was said, would
be released early this afternoon.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—Percy A.
Page, wealthy young society leader,
arrested yesterday afternoon for the
murder of Harry Gale Williams, Jr.,
prominent automobile man, will prob-
ably be released today and another
man sought in connection with the
accidental killing of Williams.

He died while being rushed from his
home to a hospital early this morn-
ing.

Williams' death followed a mid-
night party in which he, his wife and
Party participated. His wife called
a doctor early yesterday morning and
Williams was found lying on a couch
in the front room of his house, 1103
Spotswood Avenue, Dr. R. W. Stur-
gis examined him and ordered him
rushed to the hospital, but he died in
the ambulance.

Page was a guest in the Williams
home, and later turned himself over to
the police, telling them he had fought
with Williams the night before, but
that their differences had been patched
up satisfactorily. A warrant was
then issued for Page and he was held
under \$10,000 bond, given by his
father.

SEARCH MADE FOR MISSING NAVAL PLANE

Washington, Jan. 4.—A naval sea
plane which left Philadelphia yester-
day for Hampton Roads is missing,
according to advices to the Navy De-
partment today. All available craft
at Annapolis has been ordered out to
search for the missing plane.

Naval officials believe the plane was
compelled to make a forced landing
in Chesapeake Bay.

Annapolis: Four submarine chas-
ers are today scouring the waters of
Chesapeake Bay in search of a miss-
ing seaplane which put out from
Philadelphia yesterday.

Robinson Will Demand U. S. Be Represented In Plans For Reparation

JUST 2 MORE BIG VOTE DAYS

"Dark Horse" Vote Getting Tolent
Expected as Saturday Night
Approaches—9 O'clock
Last Hour

Just two more days.

Tomorrow and Saturday up to 9
o'clock, is the last opportunity to turn
in your subscriptions and get the
greatest number of votes for them.
Indications are that more activity
will be shown by the candidates these
last few days than the combined re-
sults of what has been done up to
this time. Contestants are lining up
their friends—gathering in the sub-
scriptions which will mean the
votes that will win some ag-
gressive candidate a \$1,765.00 Reo
and some other "live wire" the \$597.
00 Chevrolet.

Saturday night is only a few
hours away and the wind-up of the
BIG VOTES promises to be a spectac-
ular bit of work. This is the time
for big things. Those who have
stood among the leaders as the
votes have been published from time
to time need to watch some of the
other candidates as "dark horse" vote
getting talent is almost certain to
develop. This can mean nothing else
but a shift in the standings.

Present leaders are on "thin ice."
In some cases, already, their margins
of leadership have been decidedly re-
duced.

It's going to be an interesting
fight the last few days of the BIG
VOTES. Close as the race now
stands, it is anybody's chance—even
for a new candidate—to jump into
first place.

Never again will it be as easy as
now to capture first position. Never
again will subscriptions and votes be
as easy to secure.

But Saturday night, at 9 o'clock,
is a very short time away. You will
have to hurry.

EXPOSE BIGGEST BOOTLEGGING RING

Exposure of the biggest bootleg-
gers' ring in the country and subse-
quent wholesale arrests are expected
shortly according to Prohibition
Royal A. Haynes, as a result of the
seizure of thousands of counterfeit
whiskey labels in Syracuse.

The labels seized together with the
engraved plates, were of practically
every well brand of whiskey and gin.

Some of the printers and engrav-
ers divulged the names of persons for
whom the labels were printed, which
places in the hands of the Federal
Enforcement agents most valuable
information. Some of the names men-
tioned were those of the biggest
professional bootleggers, not only in
Syracuse, and New York state, but
throughout the entire country.

Widow of Man Killed 7 Years Ago Is Hands Off

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Vir-
ginia Edna Thoms, widow of a Gal-
lion (La.) physician, who was killed
in 1916 by Dr. B. M. McKoin, former
Mayor of Mer Rouge, denied today
reports she was making efforts to
have the prisoner returned to Loui-
siana.

Mrs. Thoms, who is supporting her-
self and her 12-year-old daughter by
making peanut candy, has lived prac-
tically in obscurity ever since the
tragedy.

"I left the matter in the hands of
God the day after he killed my hus-
band," she said.

Her version of the killing was that
on August 12, 1918, her husband and
Dr. McKoin met on the street and
the shooting occurred. When she
asked her husband how it happened the
dying man told her, Mrs. Thoms said.
"I told him how dirty he was and he
shot me while I was not looking."

WIDOW OF 'PHONE INVENTOR IS DEAD

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Alexan-
der Graham Bell, widow of the in-
ventor of the telephone, who suffer-
ed a nervous breakdown after the
death of her husband about six months
ago, died at the home of her daugh-
ter here last night. She had been
virtually deaf since she was three
years old.

NOTED WOMEN TO BE GUESTS CAMERON CLUB

Delegates to be Entertained
at Dinner Monday
Evening

MEET IN D. C. JAN. 9-11

Representative Moore Expected to
Welcome Delegates to the General
Federation of Women's Clubs—
Many Accept Invitation

Some of the most notable women
in the country will attend the dinner
which will be given next Monday
evening at 6:30 o'clock in the West-
minster building by the Cameron
Club to officials and others connected
with the General Federation of Wo-
men's Clubs which organization will
be in session in Washington, January
9-11. Representative R. Walton
Moore has been invited to address the
gathering.

According to word received by Miss
Helen Norris Cummings the follow-
ing have accepted invitation to be
present: Mrs. George J. Allen, Min-
nesota; Mrs. A. B. Proal, New Jer-
sey; Mrs. P. W. Spaulding, Iowa;
Mrs. Wauter Comely, New York;
Mrs. M. J. Jennings, Florida; Mrs.
George Baker, Massachusetts; Mrs.
Frank M. Peasley, Connecticut; Mrs.
Clarence Steward, Tennessee; Mrs.
H. S. Godfrey, Minnesota; Mrs. F.
C. Floore, Texas; Mrs. Charles H.
Davis, Vermont; Mrs. Charles H.
McDuffee, New Hampshire; Mrs. H.
G. Reynolds, Kentucky; Mrs. H. G.
Boyer, Delaware; Mrs. Howard W.
Farnum, Rhode Island; Mrs. J. H.
Huddleston, Maine; Mrs. Milton
Daniger, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. L.
S. Read, Arkansas.

IS GETTING THINNER AND STILL THINNER

(By United Press)
New York, Jan. 4.—"Hour by hour,
it's getting thinner and thinner."

Passengers on the steamship Ma-
jestic which is bearing Dr. Emile
Cone, of day by day fame, to Ameri-
ca, mentally repeated that declara-
tion today as the liner lay off New
York harbor, unable to dock because
of the storm that blocked visits of
pilots.

As hour by hour went by the fog
and storm did appear to get thinner
and the white star line said the Ma-
jestic might dock this afternoon.

BOAT CLUB MEN REPORT PROGRESS

The Old Dominion Boat Club at its
meeting held last night in the rooms
of the Chamber of Commerce re-
ceived a report of progress from the
building committee. It was announ-
ced that the contract for its new
clubhouse had been awarded and that
during the coming week the contrac-
tor expects to start the driving of
piles. In addition considerable rou-
tine business was taken up and
disposed of.

DANVILLE BONDS PAID

Danville, Va., Jan. 4.—Two groups
of bonds which matured yesterday
were readily disposed of by the City
Council finance committee. One was
\$35,000 registered bonds issued in
1892 for street and other community
improvements, which were redeemed
through the sinking fund, which has
a balance of \$160,000. The second
group were Memorial Mansion bonds,
issued at the time the city purchased
the last capital of the Confederacy.
These represented a value of \$30,000
and they were redeemed out of the
general fund, thus curtailing the
city's indebtedness.

Rumors of Peace Are Rife In Ireland As Rebel Dail Meets

(By United Press.)

Dublin, Jan. 4.—Insurgent leaders
gathered in Dublin today for what is
believed to be a peace move.

Presence of future rebel figures,
reported here and there in side streets
and back rooms of the city, revived
peace talk and were coincidental with
reports the republicans had asked an

Would "Pin Down" Admin- istration to One De- finite Policy

REPUBLICANS SET

Says Country Should Know
Truth as to Repara-
tion Operations

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator
Robinson's demand that the United
States be officially represented on
the reparations commission was ex-
pected to reopen senate debate today
on the international situation, Rob-
inson was scheduled to explain his
bill in a brief speech, and so great
is the interest now in the senate on
this and kindred questions that gen-
eral discussion was expected to fol-
low.

Senator Lodge later called a spe-
cial meeting of the foreign relations
committee for Friday to consider the
Robinson bill.

Robinson's bill is a second step
in a program of trying to "pin down"
the administration to a definite for-
eign policy, by a process of elimina-
tion. Democrats and a few Republi-
cans are working together on this.
The Borah amendment to the naval
bill for an economic conference was
the first step. Borah, by means of
that measure, brought to light defi-
nite information concerning the ad-
ministration's position on European
economics. Now Robinson is attempt-
ing to go a step further, and put the
administration on record either as
favoring or opposing American official
membership on the reparations
commission.

In advance of any word from the
White House as to its attitude to-
wards the Robinson bill, Republican
leaders said they would not let it
pass. They will brand it as an effort
to embarrass President Harding and
Secretary Hughes in the conduct
of foreign affairs. Opposition to the
bill need not be construed as repre-
senting administration opposition to
American membership on the repara-
tions commission, party leaders said.
What they do oppose is any effort to
goad or hurry the administration
into taking steps prematurely or an
inopportune moments.

This attitude was taken because
Mr. Harding is known to favor
American official membership on the
commission, or at least a more near-
ly "official" representation of this
country before the commission.

In one respect, from a Republican
viewpoint, American official member-
ship of the commission just at this
time is impossible. One party leader
pointed out that if the United States
at this moment availed itself of its
undoubted privilege to become a
member of the commission, that ac-
tion would at once be construed in
Europe as a decision by this govern-
ment to participate fully from now
on in administration of the Versailles
treaty; and at once all Europe's trou-
bles would be laid on the American
doorstep, while this government
would be called on to become in-
volved in every European question.
In avoiding such involvement, much
embarrassment would result, because
one government would take a light
a refusal by the U. S., to take
up certain questions, if any questions
at all were taken up.

Robinson, disclaiming any intention
of embarrassing Mr. Harding, said
he believed it was time the Senate
and the country learned first hand
what the reparations commission is
doing, or at least what the American
unofficial representatives there are
doing. That is why he wants Henry
B. Hodder, secretary, and Lloyd
Robins, financial adviser of the Amer-
ican delegation brought before the
foreign relations committee. Senator
Lodge has agreed to call them, and
to ask the state department to fur-
nish all its data on the same subject.

If this Senate shows that Roland
Rowden, the American observer has
been acting, as Senator Borah
charged, just like a regular member
of the commission, the senate ought
seriously to consider whether he
should be withdrawn or else given
full official status, Robinson holds.

He denied that his bill bill is a
sten towards reviving the League of
nations issue, although he admitted
he could not foresee what might grow
out of it. Republican politicians be-
lieve the League issue is going to
revive the issue within the coming
year. The international question
having been reopened, the democrats
are now afforded a chance to put for-
ward their program of foreign rela-
tions to the country in opposition to
the administration plan, and unless a
settlement in Europe occurs speedily,
by 1924 the League issue may again
be the paramount one, some here be-
lieve.

Meanwhile, amid great secrecy, Am
bassador George Harvey is carrying
on his conference on the European
situation with President Harding. Sec-
retary of State Hughes and other
administration officials and leaders in
Congress.